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New York, July 18, 1914.

Mr. George Forbes,  
18 Wellington St.,  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Forbes:-

I am very sorry that I had to play the Megilo on Friday. Circumstances compelled me to leave the city at 5 o'clock. I had endeavor'd to see you before this time but after checking my baggage in the station, the hour for meeting you in the library had passed and I waited for you round Washington St. till after 3 o'clock, when it became necessary for me to go to the main Library and thank the librarian for the kindness he had shown me while making research. I endeavored to call you up on the telephone soon after 4 o'clock but a close inspection of the telephone book did not disclose the Western branch ~~has~~ a telephone, and the hour of meeting connection to catch the 5 o'clock train was at hand and I could but barely make it. When I arrived at Providence, time faded away and I could not even mail you a postal card. I wish you will convey to Mrs. Forbes my regrets in not being able to partake of the dinner which I am sure was good for Olympian Gods.

I have carried away most pleasant recollections of our daily meetings and trust that it will be the foundation of a literary intercourse, which will grow brighter as the days become longer and we may be in a position to bring to the light of days those characters who have remained for so long a period hidden in the recesses of night.

Upon my arrival home there came from Edinburgh, Scotland, the History of Granada in four volumes printed in ~~Spanish~~ Granada at 1845, a beautiful set of books in which I have also found mentioned the name of Sebastian ~~Lopez~~ ~~and~~ also the intellectual giant, Juan Latino. I ~~hope~~ you will be in a position to have translated and printed the biographical sketch of Latino written in Spanish which is to be seen at the Boston Public Library. If any information I may run across on the said character, I will ~~remit~~ <sup>write</sup> immediately.

I wish when you write the article you spoke to me about, you will make it the subject of the Negro Society for Historical Research, because I believe that in the days to come such a Society if it can stimulate race pride it will be one of the beacon lights that will guide the youth to the Temple of Minerva.

Thanking you again for your kindnesses in which my family joins me I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*A. Schomburg*